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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Akifumi HAYASHI et al
Serial No. : 10/586,698
Filed : July 20, 2006
For : ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND
INNER ABSORBENT ARTICLE
Art Unit : 3761
Examiner : HAND, MELANIE JO
Confirm. No.: 7832

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RESPONSE - 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2008, the term for response to which expires on October 23, 2008.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species 9, Fig. 12, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

CLAIMS READABLE:

The claims readable on elected Species 9 are claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 21.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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